

# Warrant Article Questionnaire Citizen Petitions Articles

## Section III – Questions with Response Boxes – To Be Completed By Petition Sponsor

Article #33	Date Form Completed: March 12, 2023
Article Title: Charles River Dam Advisory Committee Report	
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Question	Question
1	Provide the article motion exactly as it is intended to be voted on by the Finance Committee.
Response	Move to discuss the final report of the Charles River Dam Advisory Committee.
2	At a summary level and very clearly, what is proposed purpose and objective of this Warrant Article and the required Motion?
Response	The purpose is to share and discuss with the Town Meeting Members some of the content of the report on which the Select Board indicated that they based their decision to remove the dam spillway. The residents have had no opportunity to share an independent critique of the information in the report with Town Meeting Members.
3	What does the sponsor gain from a positive action by Town Meeting on the motion?
Response	At the end of the discussion, all Town Meeting Members should have the same understanding of the statements made in the report.
4	Describe with some specificity how the sponsor envisions how: the benefits will be realized; the problem will be solved; the community at large will gain value in the outcome through the accompanied motion?
Response	With the same understanding of the statements of the report, the majority of Town Meeting will understand why more than 2200 people have signed a petition to save the dam. Town Meeting Members will support Article 34 which will request the Select Board to rescind their decision to remove the dam and initiate repair of the dam using funds already appropriated for that purpose.
5	How does the proposed motion (and implementation) fit with the relevant Town Bylaws, financial and capital plan, comprehensive plan, and community values as well as relevant state laws and regulations
Response	This motion is just to discuss.

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6	<p>Have you considered and assessed, qualified and quantified the various impacts to the community such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Town infrastructure (traffic, parking, etc.)</li> <li>● Neighbors (noise, traffic, etc.);</li> <li>● Environment and green issues (energy conservation, pollution, trash, encouraging walking and biking, etc.);</li> </ul>
Response	<p>(Type response here)</p> <p>This motion is just to discuss.</p>
7	<p>Who are the critical participants in executing the effort envisioned by the article motion?</p> <p>To this point what efforts have been made to involve those participants who may be accountable, responsible, consulted or just advised/informed on the impacts of executing the motion?</p>
Response	<p>Many Town Meeting Members have been active in supporting the dam repair. Others are unaware for various reasons. This motion is to discuss and bring everyone to the same level of information.</p>
8	<p>What steps and communication has the sponsor attempted to assure that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Interested parties were notified in a timely way and had a chance to participate in the process, that</li> <li>● Appropriate town Boards &amp; Committees were consulted</li> <li>● Required public hearings were held</li> </ul>
Response	<p>We will try to contact all Town Meeting Members prior to the Town Meeting.</p>
9	<p>Why is it required for the Town of Natick AND for the sponsor(s)?</p>
Response	<p>In order for a fair decision to be made for town residents, as much reasonable and correct information should be shared with all residents. This has not been done with all residents and not with all Town Meeting Members. This discussion with Town Meeting Members who represent the residents should result in all having the same information.</p>

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10	Since submitting the article petition have you identified issues that weren't initially considered in the development of the proposal?
Response	We find more information every day and probably will be adding to our presentation up to the beginning of town meeting.
11	What are other towns and communities in the Metro West area, or the Commonwealth of MA doing similar to what your motion seeks to accomplish
Response	This issue is unique to Natick.
12	If this Warrant Article is not approved by Town Meeting what are the consequences to the Town and to the sponsor(s)? Please be specific on both financial and other consequences.
Response	This Article is just to discuss.